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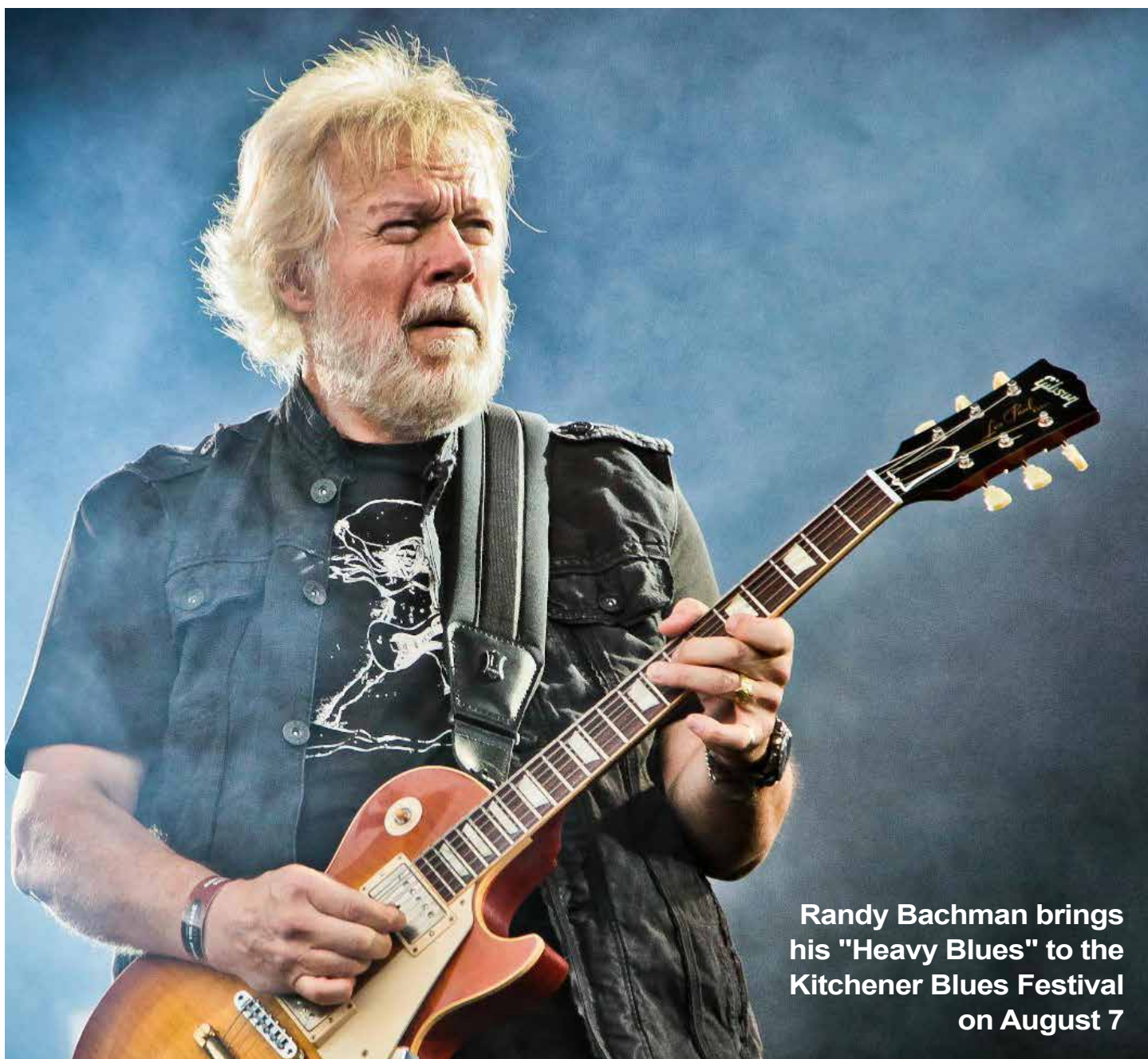
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*David Owen will be playing some acoustic blues at the Summerhill LCBO Saturday June 20*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Friday, May 8, National Arts Centre, Ottawa** "Ontario Scene" Women's Blues Revue featuring Kellylee Evans, Roxanne Potvin, Divine Brown, Samantha Martin, Diana Braithwaite and Rita Chiarelli. backed up by the Women's Blues Revue Band under the direction of Rebecca Hennessey. Contact NAC box-office 888 991-2787 <http://nac-cna.ca>

**Saturday, June 20 (afternoon), Dan Aykroyd Wine Tasting, Summerhill LCBO** (10 Scrivener Square, just outside the Summerhill subway) Performance by David Owen

**Saturday, June 20 2-5pm TBS Talent Search Finals, Distillery District** (part of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival)

**July 16, 2015 Palais Royale, 1601 Lakeshore Blvd** TBS 30th Anniversary Celebration Genius+Soul= The Music of Ray Charles Featuring John Mays (Fathead), Duane and Brooke Blackburn, Quisha Wint, Selena Evangeline, Cheryl Lescom, Jesse O'Brien, Al Lerman, Michael Sloski and musical director Lance Anderson. Show only \$30 +HST/Service, VIP/Dinner package \$100 +HST/Service. 10% discount for TBS Charter Members

**Saturday, November 28, Massey Hall, Women's Blues Revue.** Tickets on sale June 13 (advance tickets will be available for TBS Charter Members in the days preceding)



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## TALENT SEARCH FINALS

Saturday, June 20 2-5 PM | Distillery Stage | Free Admission

**Submission Deadline May 11** The Toronto Blues Society is now accepting submissions for its annual Talent Search! Submissions will be accepted until May 11 at 5:00pm. Six finalists will be selected to perform before a panel of judges at this year's Talent Search Finals, which will be held at the Historic Distillery District in Toronto as part of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival.

One artist will win a professional development package that includes: \$1000 cash prize Showcase at Blues Summit Eight in 2017

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This year's TBS Talent Search is presented in partnership with the TD Toronto Jazz Festival.



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Make a donation beyond membership and merchandise, and get your charitable tax receipt in time for this year! (Charitable # 87487 7509 RR0001). You will be helping to support events like the annual Women's Blues Revue at Massey Hall, The Blues in the Schools program, The monthly Gladstone Blues Series, numerous workshops and career development activities for the musician community as well as the Maple Blues Awards and the Blues Summit conference, the most important blues industry gathering in Canada that occurs every other year. Networking events within this conference allow for industry discussion alongside artist discovery through the showcase program.

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# Notes & Quotes Blackburn

For this edition of Notes & Quotes, Erin McCallum had a one-on-one chat with Blackburn's guitarist Brooke Blackburn, discussing the Blackburn family name, its history, and the newest music from the band who wears its Brotherhood (pun intended) with pride.

An obvious uniqueness that identifies and sets apart the band is that Blackburn is a band of brothers – literally. Duane (lead vocals), Brooke (guitar), Cory (drums) and Robert (who took part on harmony vocals and songwriting on the newest release) all share the Blackburn name; a name that has become truly connected Toronto music history. Musically, the Blackburn name has been forever imprinted in our ears by Bobby Dean Blackburn, an R&B artist who gained legendary status in the Toronto music scene, performing the city circuit for over 30 years. Beyond the music, other history runs deep too. The Blackburn name is tied to the history of the Underground Railroad, and there is a direct connection to the musical talents that we know and listen to today.

Brooke and Erin opened the conversation by discussing the family history of the Blackburn name. One of the first things that Brooke spoke of was the family's connection to the Underground Railroad. Clearly educated on his lineage, Brooke gave a crash course on the last 182 years of history attached to the last name that has become synonymous with the Toronto music scene. He gives me a simple breakdown of how the Blackburn family ended up from slavery in the United States to present day; "My father's Great Grandfather was Elias Earls. He was born a slave in Kentucky in 1833." Brooke told the story of how Elias went from Kentucky to the Boston area, met an Owen Sound woman named Sarah, and headed north to Canada. The two ended up in what we know today as Chatsworth, Ontario and had a child, Solomon. Settling in to the Owen Sound area, the town is the most northern terminus (retreat for the Underground Railroad) in Canada to date. From there, Estelle (Grandmother) was born, and then came Bobby Dean Blackburn. As we know, the Blackburn name made its way to Toronto - Bobby Dean Blackburn grew up in the city, and soon became a seminal figure in the Toronto R&B scene. Brooke



*Duane and Brooke Blackburn will be part of TBS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Genius + Soul = The Music of Ray Charles, on Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Palais Royale. Photo by Bill King*

proudly adds to the conversation; "My Dad is 70 years old, and he's still on the road playing. He just came back from Mexico."

This is where some might insert that old cliché 'the rest is history', but it certainly doesn't end there. Proudly rhyming off his family tree seemed as effortless as playing music for Brooke, however, the legacy is still being written.

The Blackburn brothers have been playing music together for years, and, by Brooke's admission, came together as a band naturally. "We grew up around music. My Dad would bring home rehearsal tapes, so we would hear music all the time, and he would bring musicians over all the time. When he wasn't at home, we knew he was on the road. Of course having a parent that is involved in music influences what you are around, so that's probably why all of us knew how to play. It was never expected of us though – it's just what we were around. Coming together as a band was something we started to do organically. My brother (Cory) has a studio (Toronto West Sound) in Toronto, so that's where we got together." When asking him if he always knew his path would be in music, Brooke says "When I was about 15, I kind of decided this is what I would do. We didn't necessarily all sit down and say 'this is what we are going to do,' though. My brothers and I have educations outside of playing music, so the fact that this happened was just truly a natural process."

The Blues Community has been sitting on the edge of their seats for the next serving of Blackburn since the release of *Brotherhood* in 2009. That album – and the tour that followed it – garnered the band a Maple Blues Award in 2010, and they have continued to impress, leaving people wanting more ever since. This year, Blackburn has quenched the thirst of Canadian listeners, releasing their

newest album *Brothers In This World* last March 3. Although the band switched labels from Make It Real Records (*Brotherhood*) to Electro-Fi (*Brothers In This World*), the fabric of what makes Blackburn a band that captivates remains threaded throughout the entire album.

*Brothers in This World* contains 14 tracks of signature sounds from the band – blending a mix of Blues, R&B, Funk, and, of course, Soul. The album features Duane singing lead vocals on most of the tracks. He even plays some soulful B3 in a few places. Expect to hear horns and solid grooves too, as evidenced on the catchy track, "Holla Back". When asked about his thoughts on the new album, Brooke says "This album is an amalgamation of three years of writing. It's a really good album. My Brother Robert is on this album too, and he offered up some great songwriting. This album is a collaboration of songwriting with some covers as well. I really like it." When remarking that Blackburn has an obvious thread of Soul in almost every track the band records, Brooke says "Oh yeah, it true. Soul is us. It's where we live." The new album is slated to be released in the United States in the interim weeks as well (April 2015).

Keep your eyes open and check show listings for Blackburn this upcoming festival season – you will not be disappointed if you make your way out to a show. Of note: Duane and Brooke are scheduled to perform at the upcoming TBS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, as part of the Genius + Soul show. The event is taking place on Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> at the prestigious Palais Royale (1601 Lakeshore Blvd.) in Toronto. For tickets visit [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca)

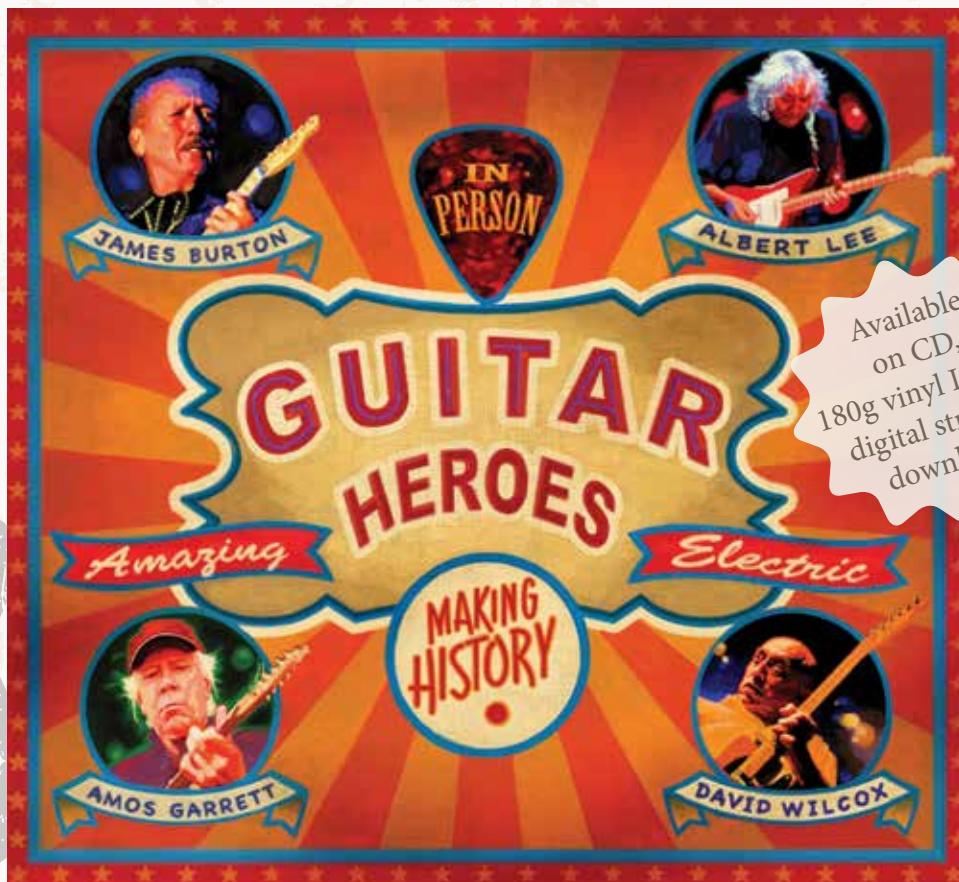
*Erin McCallum*

*-singer, songwriter, guitar player,  
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**Albert Lee:** Heads, Hands and Feet (1971-73), The Crickets, Emmylou Harris and The Hot Band, five years with Eric Clapton, the Everly Brothers, Bill Wyman’s Rhythm Kings, Rodney Crowell, 20 plus solo albums and thousands of sessions.

**Amos Garrett:** Ian & Sylvia’s Great Speckled Bird (1969-70), Maria Muldaur’s “Midnight At The Oasis,” Paul Butterfield’s Better Days, The Amos Garrett, Doug Sahm, Gene Taylor Band, Bonnie Raitt, Emmylou Harris, Jerry Garcia, Martin Mull, Jesse Winchester, etc.

**David Wilcox:** Great Speckled Bird (1970-73), Nashville North and The Ian Tyson (TV) show, Maria Muldaur, many Canadian hits and gold and platinum albums as a solo artist. One of Canada’s most influential roots music guitarists, singers and songwriters.



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The 13th Annual Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival will present over 80 acts in downtown Orangeville June 4-7, 2015! Highlights from this year's lineup include: Popa Chubby, MonkeyJunk, Jack de Keyzer, Davis Vest, Kat Danser, Harpdog Brown, Angel Forrest, Conor Gains, Al Lerman, Roly Platt, Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar, Carlos del Junco & Jimmy Bowskill, Drew Nelson, and many more! [www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca](http://www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca)

Wasaga Beach Blues (Sept. 18 - 20) has announced their lineup with headliner Canned Heat, Monkey Junk, Downchild, Cheryl Lescom

and the Tuscon Choir Boys, David Rotundo, and more. If you're interested in volunteering, sign up at [www.wasagabeachblues.com/volunteer](http://www.wasagabeachblues.com/volunteer)

Durham West Blues Fest (May 23 at The Esplanade Park in Pickering ) will feature Dawn Tyler Watson & Paul Deslauriers, Carlos del Junco & Jimmy Bowskill, Wicked Grin and Erin McCallum and an Acoustic Blues Guitar Workshop hosted by JUNO nominee Rick Fines. To help fund this FREE event, donate to their Kickstarter campaign. [www.durhamwestbluesfest.com](http://www.durhamwestbluesfest.com)

**The Way We Was - The Movie:** Speaking of Kickstarter, Filmmaker Christopher Darton has launched a Kickstarter campaign to finish up his documentary of The Kendall Wall Band. The film is now complete and they've been able to secure a distribution deal with E-One Entertainment, one of the biggest film and video distributors in the world. But they still have to raise the funds to cover the cost of music copyrights, legal fees, a final mix and colour correction for the already edited final cut of this important piece of Canadian musical blues history. Visit [Kickstarter.com](http://Kickstarter.com) to read all about it and hopefully leave a donation.

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*Selena Evangeline will join the festivities for the TBS 30 year Celebration, Genius+Soul=The Music of Ray Charles at The Palais Royale on July 16*

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**RIP SAB:** Northern Ontario Rock n' Roll (and blues) legend **Peter "Sab" Sabourin** was laid to rest last month and, true to form, his exit was as flamboyant as any of his entrances - A packed hall of friends and fans paying their last respects to "Sab" as he lay in an open road case surrounded by his bright red Marshall amps, black and white Les Paul guitars and a mountain of floral tributes.

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 May 16--Beaufort Pub, Belleville--1pm  
 May 16--Newcastle Grill, Newcastle--9pm  
 May 20--The Hub, Oshawa--9pm  
 May 21--Johnnathans, Aurora--6pm  
 May 22--Huron Club, Collingwood--8pm  
 May 23--Jazzmyns, Owen Sound--8pm  
 May 28--Abe Erb, Waterloo--8pm  
 May 29--Homegrown Hamilton--10pm  
 May 30--Liquid Lounge, Brantford--3pm  
 May 30--Grossmans, Toronto--10pm (w/ Caution Jam)  
 May 31--Crepe House Patio, Port Dover--2pm  
 June 3--Red Brick Cafe, Guelph--8pm  
 June 4--The Local Pub, Toronto--9pm  
 June 5--Station Pub, Port Hope--9pm  
 June 6--Musiikki Cafe, Kingston--11pm  
 June 7--Cunninghams Pub, Hudson, QC--7pm

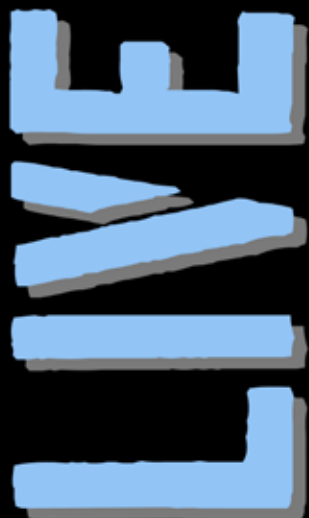
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# MAY 23

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# BLUES FESTIVAL GUIDE

Durham West Blues Fest | May 23 | Pickering, ON  
 Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival | June 4-7 | Orangeville, ON  
 Pender Harbour Blues Festival | June 5-7 | Pender Harbour, BC  
 Barrie Jazz and Blues Festival | June 11-22 | Barrie, ON  
 TD Toronto Jazz Festival | June 18-29 | Toronto, ON  
 All Canadian Roots and Blues Festival | June 19 | Picton, ON  
 Stratford Blues & Ribfest | June 19-21 | Stratford, ON  
 Beaumont Blues and Roots Festival | June 19-21 | Beaumont, AB  
 Montreal BBQ Bourbon & Blues | June 20-21 | Montreal, QC  
 Edmundston Jazz & Blues Festival | TBA (2014: June 25-28) | Edmundston, NB  
 Wreckhouse Jazz & Blues Festival | TBA (2014: June 25-29) | St. John's, NL  
 Montreal International Jazz Festival | June 26-July 5 | Montreal, QC  
 Tremblant International Blues Festival | July 3-12 | Tremblant, QC  
 RBC Royal Bank Bluesfest | July 9-19 | Ottawa, ON  
 Smokin' Blues Fest | July 10-11 | Windsor, NS  
 Bluesfest Windsor | July 10-12 | Windsor, ON  
 Lighthouse Blues Festival | July 10-12 | Kincardine, ON  
 Vancouver Island MusicFest | July 10-12 | Courtenay, BC  
 Beaches International Jazz Festival | July 10-26 | Toronto, ON  
 Porquis Blues Festival | July 10-12 | Porquis Junction, ON  
 Norfolk N' Blues Festival | July 17-19 | Vittoria, ON  
 Festival de Blues de Victoriaville | July 23-25 | Victoriaville, QC  
 Calgary International Blues Festival | July 27-August 2 | Calgary, AB  
 Great Woods Music Festival | August 6-8 | Beausejour, MB  
 TD Kitchener Blues Festival | August 6-9 | Kitchener, ON  
 Festiblues | August 6-9 | Montreal, QC

Festival Jazz etcetera Lévis | August 6-9 | Lac Beauport, QC  
 Live from the Rock Folk Festival | August 7-9 | Red Rock, ON  
 Dutch Mason Blues Festival | August 7-9 | Dartmouth, NS  
 Burnaby Blues & Roots Festival | August 8 | Burnaby, BC  
 Donnacona Blues Festival | TBA (2014: August 14-17) | Donnacona, QC  
 Salmon Arm Roots & Blues Festival | August 14-16 | Salmon Arm, BC  
 Calabogie Blues Festival | August 14-16 | Calabogie, ON  
 Winnipeg BBQ and Blues Festival TBA (2014: August 15-17)  
 Limestone City Blues Festival | August 27-30 | Kingston, ON  
 Trois-Rivières en Blues | August 20-23 | Trois-Rivières, QC  
 Edmonton Blues Festival | August 21-23 | Edmonton, AB  
 Nanaimo Summertime Blues Festival | TBA (2014: August 22-24) | Nanaimo, BC  
 PEI Jazz & Blues Festival | August 27-29 | Charlottetown, PEI  
 Red, White & The Blues Festival | Sept 2015 | Prince Edward County, ON  
 West Coast Blues Downtown Shuffle | Sept 4-5 | Goderich, ON  
 Vancouver Island Blues Bash | Sept 5 | Victoria, BC  
 Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle | Sept 11-13 | Port Credit, ON  
 Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival | Sept 15-20 | Fredericton, NB  
 Wasaga Beach Blues Festival | Sept 17-20 | Wasaga Beach, ON  
 Canal Bank Shuffle | Oct 15-17 | Thorold, ON  
 The Klondike Roots & Blues Festival | TBA (2014: Oct 17-18) | Whitehorse, Yukon  
 Hammer Bluesfest | TBA (2014: Nov 1) | Hamilton, ON

*\*A number of festival dates have not yet been confirmed. Please check the TBS website for frequent festival updates as they become available <http://torontobluessociety.com/summer-blues-festivals/>*

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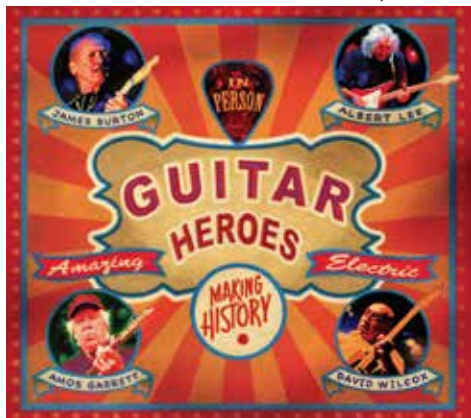
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**James Burton/Albert Lee/Amos Garrett/David Wilcox** *Guitar Heroes* Stony Plain/Warner

The subtitle is 'Making History' but made history seems a more apt phrase. These masters of the Telecaster have more history than almost any living player. **Doug Cox**, himself a fine guitarist, is the Artistic Director of the Vancouver Island MusicFest and it was his idea to put these four together, on July 12, 2013. Fortunately for us Stony Plain arranged to record it. These guitar heroes chose songs they're closely associated with as just about everyone would have wanted them to do. The backing band is very much up to the occasion: **Jon Greathouse** on keyboards, **Will MacGregor** on bass and **Jason Harrison Smith** on drums & background vocals. **Albert Lee** steps up to start the show with his single from 1969, "That's All Right (Mama)," done much the same way as that famous **Presley** single except for those solos and what a way to start. **James Burton & Amos Garrett** deliver especially delightful solos. Burton played that famous guitar lick when **Dale Hawkins** recorded "Suzie Q" way back in 1957 while Greathouse takes the vocal here. The solo order is **David Wilcox**, Burton, Garrett, Lee & Greathouse. **Amos Garrett's** trademark song is "Sleep Walk" and those patented multiple string bends have never sounded better. **Ray Charles'** "Leave My Woman Alone" has Lee on vocals while the guitarists & Greathouse trade solos as Garrett sits out – a thriller for sure. Wilcox gets the vocals on the lengthy **Jimmy Rogers** slow blues "You're The One." He solos first, then Burton, followed by Lee and Garrett takes it home. Wilcox takes a couple of the fine solos on the jazz standard "Comin' Home Baby". **Joe Turner's** "Flip, Flop & Fly" gets a great vocal from Wilcox, a song he did on his last

CD, *Boy in the Boat*. Wilcox leads off on slide, followed by Lee, Garrett & Burton. The ballad "Only The Young" features Greathouse on the organ. **Tony Joe White's** "Polk Salad Annie" gets an instrumental workout, with stunning solos by all plus solo space for the rhythm section. Wilcox's "Bad Apple" may be the song he's best known for and Garrett adds a succinct solo, followed by the other three. Lee's distinctive country picking dominates "Country Boy" but Wilcox & Greathouse get space as well to bring the program to a rousing close. Obviously fans of electric guitar and especially of Telecaster guitars, will have to have this one but it's so well programmed that every listener will wish they were there. As the colourful and informative CD jacket points out: "this is a once in a lifetime gathering of four guitar legends who have changed the course of rock, country, blues and roots music."



**Anthony Gomes** *Electric Field Holler* Self

This Toronto-born singer/songwriter/guitarist has lived south of the border for quite a while now but he hasn't forgotten us, as his recent *Hugh's Room* CD Release showed. He also won the **C.P. Stacey Award** from U of T for his studies in history there. His Master's Thesis was on the racial and cultural evolution of blues music, now available as a book ("The Black & White of the Blues"). All that scholarship has given him plenty of material for his songs, moving well beyond the usual subject matter but without sacrificing musicality. This was more apparent in his last disc, *From The Beginning* than it is here as he has decided to rock out more this time. Just listen to the opener: "Turn It Up!" is as good a statement of purpose as you could want and it'll get you dancing too. And later when he sings "The Blues Ain't The Blues No More", with just his National Steel, he shows he knows what he's singing about. The rest of the album is power trio blues at its best. "Whiskey Train", "Blueschild" and "Red Handed Blues" are all excellent songs. "Nowhere Is Home" treats the subject of the homeless with great sympathy and it's a highlight as well. He has done

very well with this disc already, with "The Blues Ain't The Blues No More" & "Whiskey Train" scoring high on the Canadian Roots Radio Chart and the album appearing on the Billboard Blues Chart as well. [www.anthonygomes.com](http://www.anthonygomes.com), his very colourful web site, will keep you informed and you can get all his CDs and the book there.

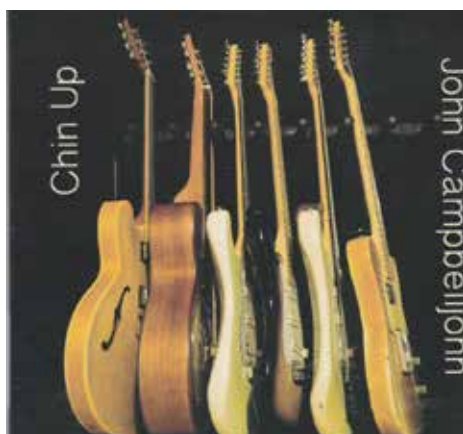
**Ben Racine Band** *A Grand New Brew* Self

Montreal's **Ben Racine** showcased at the Blues Summit and what a show it was. The two tenors, sometimes switching to two baritones, gave the sound an enormous punch. Combined with prominent organ and his guitar, it was a short but exhilarating set. The new material is mostly blues and R&B adding up to an energetic and varied program. "Grand New Brew" is his statement of purpose, starting out funky, switching to R&B for the chorus and back again. "Bootprint" slows things down a bit for a tough blues about his girl leaving so messily that she gets the boot, literally. Racine delivers a matching guitar solo. Some soul is up next with **Dawn Tyler Watson** joining Racine for "Let It All Hang Out". "Walk On" is another excellent slow blues, a plea to a departing lover to walk on with him and not go, powerful stuff, with searing guitar and a sax solo that leads the band to a thrilling climax. The rocking "The Puck Drops Here" has him leaving and with some quite detailed



reasons too. The one cover is a slow blues by **Tab Benoit**, "Darkness" fits right in with the theme of decaying relationships. "Le Temps File" finds Racine on slide as he sings that it's time for a change despite their long relationship. The title phrase takes on a special meaning that the otherwise English lyrics don't quite convey. Although of similar subject matter, the new songs are all very different, sung beautifully and with very good arrangements, superbly played by a stellar band. He did return for the Aurora Blues Festival in February, maybe he'll be back again soon now that the new disc is out. Find out at [www.benracineband.com](http://www.benracineband.com).





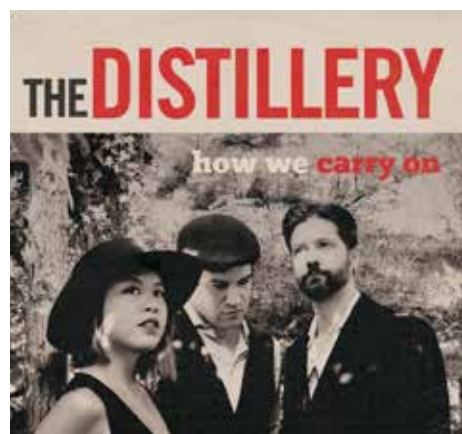
### John Campbelljohn *Chin Up Nood*

**John Campbelljohn** is a veteran slide player from Cole Harbour on Cape Breton. His web site only has this album listed but there are eleven earlier ones documenting a storied career. He normally plays in a trio format and that's largely what we get here with some background vocalists and trumpet added on one song. The resulting uncluttered sound puts the spotlight on his excellent new songs as **Neil Robertson & Ronald Hynes** keep the engine running splendidly. The rocking "The Mumble Boogie" makes for an excellent opener, he nails that domestic scene at the breakfast table when your partner wakes up in a foul mood. "I Got It All" is a clever little toe-tapper, bragging about what he has and how it would be better if she would just call. The ambitious "Meet My Maker" deals with larger issues like his mortality and the moment he's judged, with all his faults. "Attitude" is really a lecture to his son, to pull up his pants, get a job and put gas in the tank, etc. It's a little angrier than **Treasa Levasseur's** song to her daughter "A Little Pride" (on *Broad*) but the message is just as clear. "How Stupid Is That" is a confessional, country-ish song listing some of the not-so-smart things he's said to his wife. I hope he's played this abject but charming apology for her. A rocking bit of advice is up next, just "Stop Making Excuses". "Fantastico Supremo" is a stomping slide work out, name checking places in Italy as he plays (he obviously plays there a lot) – a crowd pleaser for sure. A tender "She's Gone (My Little Love Song)" concludes, a song for a daughter moving out. Some fine songs from this veteran then, and he plays all those guitars pictured and plays very well. I only remember one Toronto appearance for him and that was some years ago now but he does have a radio show that's online at [www.eastcoastkitchenparty.net/Radio.php](http://www.eastcoastkitchenparty.net/Radio.php). His web site is [www.campbelljohn.com](http://www.campbelljohn.com) and *Chin Up* is available there.

### The Distillery *How We Carry On Self*

I should disclose that **Jordan Safer**, one third of The Distillery, is also our Event Co-ordinator and was our Office Manager before that. You saw him throughout the Blues Summit making sure everything was running properly (it did). He also has a day job and a band! He handed me their new disc, a six-song EP.

**Kristin Fung** is the vocalist, **Neil Hendry** is on guitar and **Jordan** plays keyboards & harmonica. For the recording, **Jeff Halischuk** is added on drums; **Rail Koonin**, bass and engineer **Tim Vesely** adds percussion. The songs are all original, by Safer or Hendry and one of Jordan's is the toe-tapping opener: "You've Got No Right (To Have The Blues)" is an effective take on who can sing the blues, Fung delivering the lyric with just the right sense of indignation at the charge. The funkified "Winston O!" features Jordan's harp work. "Wasting My Time (with you)" is a languid R&B ballad with a lovely guitar



solo from writer Hendry. Some more R&B with "Why You Stay" – a fine song that deals with a couple, one wants it to be permanent, the other not. Fung sings from that second perspective. "How We Carry On" is a tender acoustic ballad about two lovers in the moment.

Only six songs but, sometimes, good songwriting takes time. The official release was at Monarch's Pub on April 23. If you missed that, you can check the web site: [www.thedistilleryblues.com](http://www.thedistilleryblues.com).

-John Valenteyn

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This Canadian blues-rock pioneer, who created a successful long-running blues festival in the middle of nowhere (Porquis Junction) and shepherded many young musicians through his own unique "School of Rock" passed away of April 7, 2015 at the age of 51 after many years of battling cancer. His "Sabstock" festival (the 7th Annual) will continue in his honour on July 3-4-5 in Pembroke

**Congratulations in Order:** The **Jack de Keyzer Band** were the big winners - Electric Act of the Year, bass (Al Duffy) keyboard (Dave McMorrow) and sax (Richard Thornton) at the First Annual Hamner Blues Awards (organized by the Hamilton Blues Society) at Jett Hall on April 25. Sonny Del-Rio, King Biscuit Boy and Jackie Washington were inducted into the Wall of Fame and Hamilton City Hall has proclaimed Hamilton as "Blues Capital of Canada". A complete list of winners can be found at <http://blueshamilton.blogspot.ca>

East Coast Blues bluesman **Charlie A'Court** took home "Blues Recording of the Year" at the East Coast Music Awards but also had a big role as co-conspirator with Chris Kirby's girlfriend, Victoria Howse, who climbed on stage to perform a song she had co-written with Charlie which was a proposal of marriage to a stunned Kirby who was taken completely by surprise (and yes, he accepted).

Congrats to **Johnnie Tibbles**, the new president of the Sault Blues Society. He is an energetic blues fanatic. and a great supporter of the blues in the Sault. [www.saultblues.com](http://www.saultblues.com)

Artist manager, Vancouver Folk Festival founder and honorary granddaddy of roots music in Canada, **Gary Cristal** will receive an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of British Columbia at the same time he celebrates his 65th birthday. Congratulations to all!

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May 8: Tinsley Ellis w/Sean Pinchin  
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Sun-10-May 2pm Dylan Wickens  
guesting with Brant Parker

Sun-17-May 2pm Matt Weidinger  
guesting with Brant Parker

Sun-24-May 2pm Tim Gibbons guest-  
ing with Brant Parker

Fri-29-May 9pm Brian Griffin Tribute

Sun-31-May 2pm Brant Parker and  
The Bay City Blues Band

Sat-6-Jun 8pm Steve Strongman  
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Sun-14-Jun 2pm Cheryl Lescom  
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**Cinammon Jim's** 401 Turnberry St  
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Wed-6-May 7pm Al Lerman - solo

**Col. Mustard's Pub & Deli** 16925  
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Thu-14-May 8pm Lou Moore Band  
with Al Lerman

**Esplanade Park** One The Esplanade  
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**Lebovic Centre for The Arts** 19 Civic  
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Thu-28-May 8pm The Johnny Max  
Band Roadhouse Soul Tour

**London Music Club** London 519-  
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Fri-1-May 9pm Robbie Antone and  
Friends Robbie Antone birthday bash  
Sat-9-May 10pm Steve Strongman  
with special Guest Rick Taylor

**Marsh Street Center** 157 Marsh St  
Clarksburg  
Sat-30-May 8pm Jerome God-  
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& Al Cross

**Michael on Main** Sundridge 831-  
479-9777

Wed-10-Jun 8pm Morgan Davis

**Midland Cultural Centre** 333 King  
Street Midland 705-527-4420

Fri-12-Jun 8pm Steve Strongman

**Mills Hardware** 95 King St. E.  
Hamilton

Fri-1-May 9pm Steve Strongman,  
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**Moonshine Cafe** 137 Kerr St Oakville  
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Sat-9-May 9:30pm Jerome Godboo &  
Eric Schenkman

**NAC Fourth Stage** 53 Elgin Street  
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Sun-10-May 2pm Ken Whiteley,  
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Sharon Riley, The Levy Sisters & The  
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Extravaganza

**National Arts Centre** 53 Elgin St  
Ottawa

Fri-8-May 7:30pm Women's Blues  
Revue

**Paisley Blues Festival** Paisley 519-  
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Sat-6-Jun 9pm Morgan Davis

**Pine Cove Resort** Wollesley Bay  
705-898-2500

Mon-8-Jun 8pm Morgan Davis

**RCHA Club** Kingston 613-452-8152  
Fri-12-Jun 9pm Morgan Davis

**Rebel Rock Irish Pub** 573 King St. E  
Hamilton 905

Sat-9-May 9pm Sean Poluk solo  
performance 9-1

**Sharbot Lake Inn** Sharbot Lake,  
Ontario 613-279-2198

Sat-13-Jun 8pm Morgan Davis

**Showplace** 290 George St N Peter-  
borough 705-742-7469

Sat-23-May 8pm Brandon Santini

**Silence** 46 Essex St. Guelph 519  
Fri-29-May 8pm Jennis with Sarah  
Beatty

**Simcoe Blues & Jazz** 926 Simcoe St.  
N. Oshawa (905) 435-1111

Fri-1-May 9pm Jerome God-  
boo, Shawn Kellerman

**St. Francis Centre** 78 Church Street  
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Fri-1-May 8pm Mad Dogs & English-  
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(705) 721-8793

Sat-30-May 9pm Lisa Hutchinson  
Band

**The Bushholme Inn** 156 Main Street  
Erin (519) 833-9119

Fri-8-May 8pm Steve Strongman  
Steve Strongman Solo Acoustic w  
Special Guest Lou Pinto

**The Cove Inn** 2 Bedford St Westport  
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Fri-8&9-May 7pm David Rotundo

Band Fundraiser Blues on The  
Rideau

Fri-29-May 6:30pm Al Lerman - solo

**The Duck** 244 Ontario Street St.  
Catherines 905-687-9505

Sat-6-Jun 6:30pm Steve Strongman

**The Fergus Grand Theatre** 244 St  
Andrew St W Fergus 519 787-1981

Thu-21-May 7pm The Johnny Max  
Band & Soulstack An Evening of  
Soul with The JMB & Soulstack

**The Gables** Grand Bend 519-238-  
6873

Sat-2-May 7:30pm Hogtown Allstars

**The Riverview Room** 35 Front St N  
Port Credit 416-902-9801

Fri-22-May 7pm The Millwinders &  
Ginger St James A Rockin' Rockabilly  
Ruckus

**The Streetsville Bandshell** Main St  
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**The Waring House** 395 Sandy Hook Road, Ontario, K0K 2T0 Picton 800-621-4956

Fri-1-May 6:30pm Jennis  
Sat-2-May 6:30 AM Jennis

**Timothy's Pub** 344 Brownline Etobicoke (416) 201-9515

Fri-15-May 9:30pm Jerome Godboo & Shawn Kellerman

**Violet's Venue** 52 Morrow Rd. Barrie 705-238-9282

Fri-8-May 8:15 PM Otis Taylor  
Sat-16-May 8:15 PM Eric Steckel  
Sat-23-May 8:15 PM Luke & the Apostles

Fri-29-May 8:15 PM Digging Roots  
Thu-11-Jun 8:15 PM Devon Allman

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**Black Swan (Burlington)** 4040 Palladium Way 905-336-1200 Burlington James Anthony with guest 2pm Sermon Blues/Roots and Soul (Every Sat)

**Blue Goose Tavern** 1 Blue Goose Way 416-255-2442 Mimico The Danny B Blues Band 3pm (Every Sat)

**Carrigan Arms** 2025 Upper Middle Road 905-332-6131 Burlington The Sil Simone Band with guest 2pm (Every Sat)

**Castro's Lounge** 2116 Queen St. E. 416-699-8272 Toronto Big Rude Jake's Monk Junkies 4:30pm (Every Sat)

**Frankie's Ristorante** 1 Main St. 905-852-1011 Uxbridge Tim Bastmeyer 3pm (Every Sat)

**Liquid Lounge** 159 Sydenham St 519-759-3939 Brantford Liquid Lounge Allstars with special guests 3pm (Every Sat)

**Old Winery** 2288 Niagara Stone Rd 905-468-8900 Niagara on the Lake Niagara Rhythm Section with guests 9pm (Every Sat)

**Outrigger Tap & Table** 2232 Queen St E 416-748-2232 Toronto Johnny Wright & Michael Fonfara 3pm (Every Sat)

**Reservoir Lounge** 52 Wellington St E 416-955-0887 Toronto Tyler Yarema and His Rhythm 9:45 PM (Every Sat)

**Rex Hotel** 194 Queen St W 416-598-2475 Toronto Danny Marks 12pm (Every Sat)

**Warmington's Bistro** 519-770-4941 The Bent Bugle Band 4pm with guests (Every Sat)

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**Abbey Arms Pub** 481 North Service Rd W 905-825-1109 Oakville James Anthony Band and Guest 3pm (Every Sun)

**Axis Gallery & Grill** 416-604-3333 Julian Fauth 12pm (Every Sun)

**Bay City Music Hall (formerly Leander Boat Club)** 50 Leander Dr 289-389-9900 Hamilton Brant Parker

and The Bay City Blues Band 2pm (Every Sun)

**Grossman's Tavern** 416-977-7000 Brian Cober Jam 9:30pm drums and amp provided (Every Sun)

**Roc 'N Doc's** 105 Lakeshore Rd. E. 905-891-1754 Mississauga Chuck Jackson & The All Stars 4:30pm (Every Sun)

### EVERY MONDAY

**Black Swan Tavern** 154 Danforth Ave 416-469-0537 Toronto Sebastian Agnello 9:30pm Acoustic (Every Mon)

**Orbit Room** 416-535-0613 Jordan John 10pm (Every Mon)

### EVERY TUESDAY

**Black Swan Tavern** 416-469-0537 Peter Verity 9:30pm Roots (Every Tue)

**Brando's on Market** 135 Market St 519-720-6758 Brantford Chris Brown host 10pm Open Jam (Every Tue)

**Reservoir Lounge** 416-955-0887 Tyler Yarema and His Rhythm 9:45 PM (Every Tue)

**Sauce on Danforth** 1376 Danforth Ave 647-748-1376 Toronto Julian Fauth 6pm (Every Tue)

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Black Swan Tavern** 416-469-0537 Nicola Vaughan 9:30pm Open Jam (Every Wed)

**Bobby O'Brien's** 125 King St W 519-743-5657 Kitchener Dave Rodenburg, John Lee & Jim Boudreau 8pm

**Gate 403** 416-588-2930 Julian Fauth 9pm (Every Wed)

**Inter Steer Tavern** 361 Roncesvalles Ave 416-604-3333 Toronto Fraser/Daley 8pm (Every Wed)

**Lancaster Smokehouse** 574 Lancaster St W 519-743-4331 Kitchener Matt Weidinger 6pm (Every Wed)

**Reservoir Lounge** 416-955-0887 Robin Banks 8.45 PM (Every Wed)

**Ten Restaurant & Wine Bar** 130 Lakeshore Rd E 905-271-0016 Port Credit Chuck Jackson & Tyler Yarema 8pm (Every Wed)

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**Black Swan (Burlington)** 905-336-1200 James Anthony Band 8pm w/ Special Guest Chuck Jackson & Friends (Every Thu)

**Col. Mustard's Pub & Deli** 905-895-6663 Lou Moore plus guest 9pm (Every Thu)


**Harbour Street Fish Bar** 10 Keith Ave, #403 705-293-3474 Collingwood Wayne Buttery Band 7pm (Every Thu)

**Reservoir Lounge** 416-955-0887 Mary McKay 9.45 PM (Every Thu)

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**Southside Cottage Grill** 234 Lakeshore Rd E 905-338-0050 Oakville James Anthony 7pm Acoustic Blues (Every Fri)

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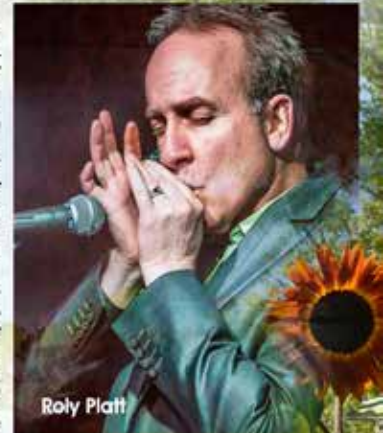
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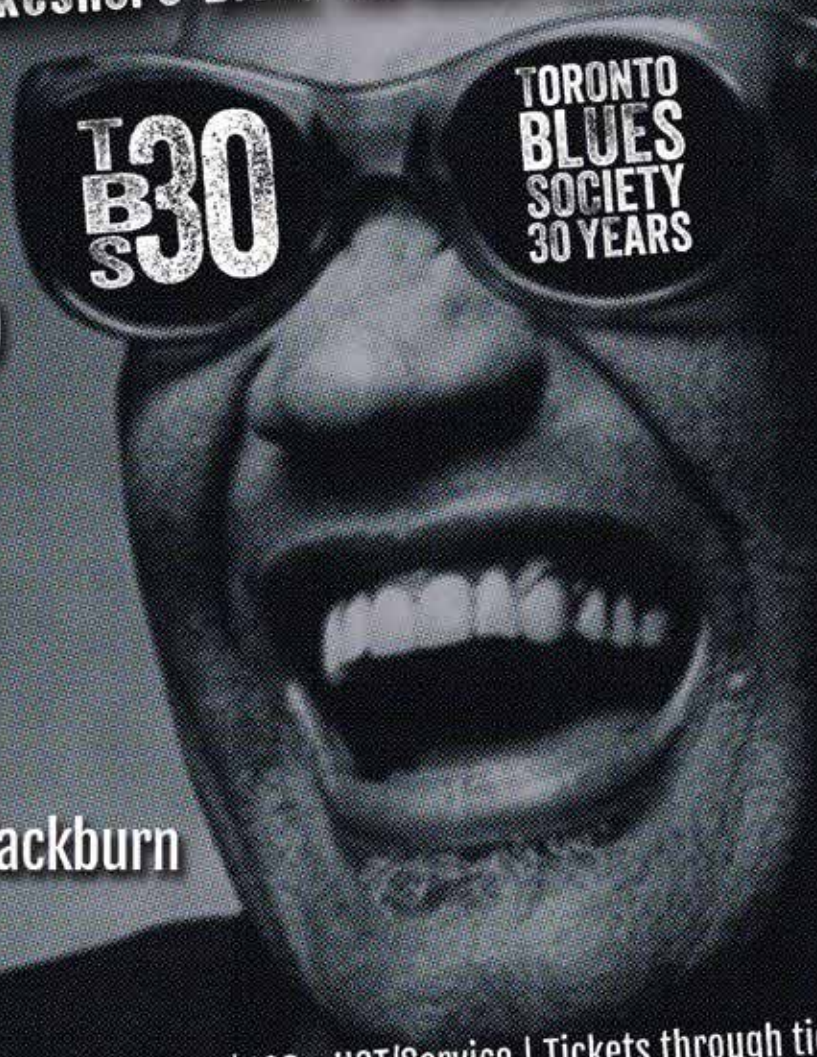
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